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[Student Resource Center](#) opens up with a basic search box. This is fine, but if we typed in both the title and author of the poem, story, or play that we’re researching, we might get some interesting, but not very useful results. To get more search boxes so we can type the title and author in separately, click on the blue [Advanced](#) link in the bar above that basic search box.

The [Advanced](#) search provides three search boxes. To perform an advanced search for articles on the poem [Harlem](#) by [Langston Hughes](#) type [Harlem](#) in the first search box. Change the corresponding pull-down menu from “Keyword” to “Subject”. In the second search box type in [Hughes](#) and change its pull-down menu to “Subject” too. We’re **not** choosing the author search because that looks for the author of the literary criticism article, not the author of the poem. Click the blue [Search](#) button and a new screen will appear with the results of our search.

[Student Resource Center](#) sorts the information under tabs according to material type. If the tab is colored there is information to review. Gray tabs do not have any information to review. In our search for [Harlem](#) we have articles under the [References](#), [Magazines](#), [Academic Journals](#), and [News](#) tabs.

Since we searched for both the title and the author of the poem our results should specifically address the poem [Harlem](#) by [Langston Hughes](#). The ten items in the [References](#) list are resources from reference books. Articles will be found by clicking on the tabs for [Magazines](#), [Academic Journals](#), and [News](#). Notice that each citation has the type of article listed at the end of it: Critical Essay, Plot Summary, Book Review, etc. This makes it easy to find the articles of literary criticism. For the ten articles displayed under the [Reference](#) tab in our [Harlem](#) search, five are critical essays.

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